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SUBJECT: NATO INFRASTRUCTURE - PREFINANCED SHELTERS  
AND COLLOCATED OPERATING BASES (COBS)

REF: DPC/D(73)30

1. INCLUDED IN THE USAF MILITARY CONSTRUCTION BUDGET  
FOR FY 75 IS DOLS. 65M FOR PREFINANCING SHELTERING AND  
IMPROVING AIR BASE HARDENING IN EUROPE. WE REGARD THIS  
ITEM AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE SURVIVABILITY BY CON-  
STRUCTING SHELTERS FOR EARMARKED M PLUS 3 RAPID REACTION  
AIRCRAFT. SOME OF THE SHELTERS ARE PROPOSED FOR LOCATIONS  
LISTED BELOW. THIS ACTION IS IN CONSONANCE WITH DECEMBER  
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DPC MINISTERIAL AGREEMENT IN REF. WE DESIRE FINAL AGREE-

MENTS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WITH HOST NATIONS FOR THESE DESIGNATED COLLOCATED OPERATING BASES IN THE FRG AND NETHERLANDS.

FRG	SHELTERS	EST. COST
PFERDSFELD	17	DOLS. 8.78M
NETHERLANDS		
GILZE-RIJEN	17	DOLS. 8.33M
SOESTERBERG	17	DOLS. 8.59M

2. OUR INTENTION IS TO PROVIDE FACILITIES (UNDER NATO

INFRASTRUCTURE PREFINANCING PROCEDURES) FOR MINIMUM ESSENTIAL POL, AMMO AND LOX STORAGE; AIRCRAFT SHELTERS; AND NECESSARY PAVEMENTS TO THE EXTENT THESE ITEMS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE COLLOCATED BASES IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

3. IN ORDER TO DEFEND THIS REQUEST BEFORE THE CONGRESS, WE NEED TO KNOW WHETHER THE MODS WILL AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO:

- A. PERMIT COLLOCATION AT THE DESIGNATED AIRFIELD.
- B. ACT AS HOST NATION SPONSOR FOR NATO INFRA-STRUCTURE FUND REPAYMENTS TO US FOR PREFINANCED AIRFIELD PROTECTION MEASURES FOR USAF RAPID REACTOR AIRCRAFT.

C. PLAN TO FULFILL THE NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THE PROTECTION MEASURES REQUIRED BY SHAPE CRITERIA, TO INCLUDE PROVISION FOR RAPID RUNWAY REPAIR CAPABILITY AND ACTIVE AIR DEFENSE.

4. MASTER PLANS FOR EACH BASE MUST BE APPROVED BY SHAPE BEFORE THE US CAN BE REIMBURSED FOR ANY PREFINANCED AIR-FIELDPROTECTION EXPENDITURES. TO THE EXTENT THE FRG AND NETHERLANDS HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED BASE MASTER PLANS AND RECEIVED SHAPE APPROVAL FOR AIRFIELD PROTECTION AT ANY INDICATED BASES, WE WOULD ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTY WITH RECEIVING HOST AGREEMENT TO ITEM C ABOVE.

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5. REQUEST YOU CONTACTMODS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY CAN AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO THIS PROPOSED PROGRAM, AT BASES INDICATED. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT, BUT MUST STILL BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED BY THE CONGRESS AS PART OF THE FY 1975 DOD BUDGET.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 1974.

7. FOR BONN: IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GAF REGARDING COBS, GEILENKIRCHEN, AN INACTIVE BASE REQUIRING CONSIDERABLE REHAB, WAS AGAIN OFFERED AS A COB. THE GAF INDICATED THAT THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO BUILD THE BASE UP TO RESERVE STATUS AND INDICATED THAT PLANNED USAF WARTIME USE WOULD HELP THEM GAIN FUNDING. BEDDOWN OF A RAPID REACTOR SQUADRON WAS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, REQUEST YOU ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FRG INTENTIONS REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITEMS B AND C OF PARAGRAPH 3 AS THEY PERTAIN TO GEILENKIRCHEN. EARLY DETERMINATION IS REQUIRED TO PLAN FOR US RAPID REACTOR BEDDOWN IN THE PERIOD BEYOND FY 75.

8. FOR THE HAGUE: WE REALIZE FROM THE HAGUE 5019 OF NOVEMBER 15, 1973 THAT DUTCH DECISION ON WARTIME COB AGREEMENT WAS POSTPONED UNTIL ISSUANCE OF DEFENSE WHITE PAPER THIS SPRING, WHICH COULD AFFECT STATUS CERTAIN DUTCH AIR BASES, BUT NOT THOSE LISTED PARA 1 ABOVE. REQUEST CURRENT STATUS REPORT ON POSSIBILITY OF COMPLETING GOVERNMENT-LEVEL AGREEMENT. KISSINGER

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